

# Functions and Roles of State Libraries: 2020

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# Overview

## State Library Administrative Agency Survey

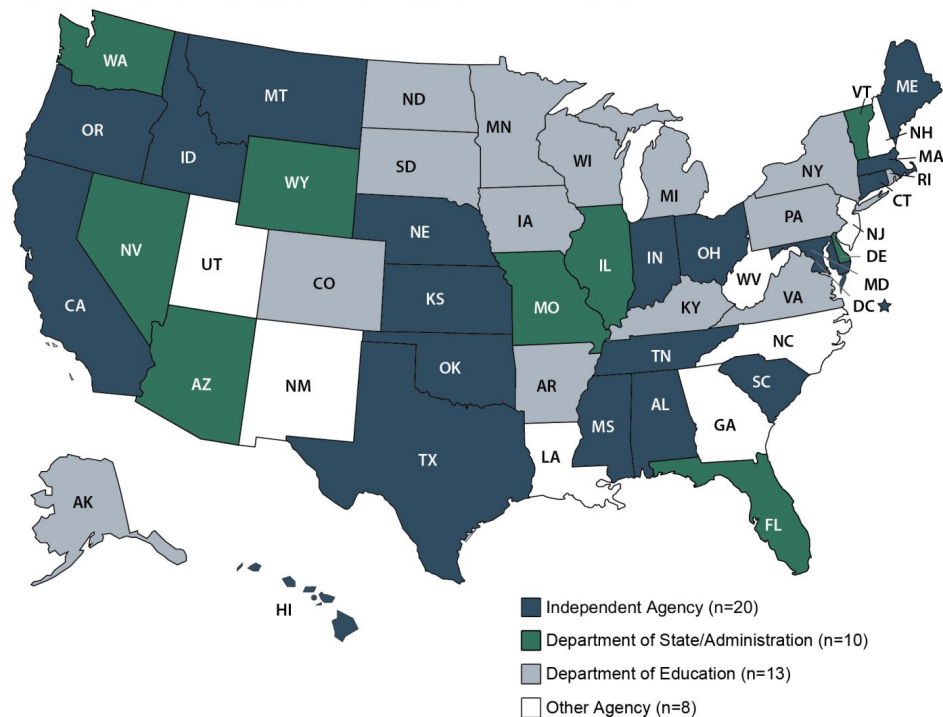
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### Recent Updates

- Data sets are available on IMLS.gov
- Current report replaces the 20 year old publication by Himmel and Wilson

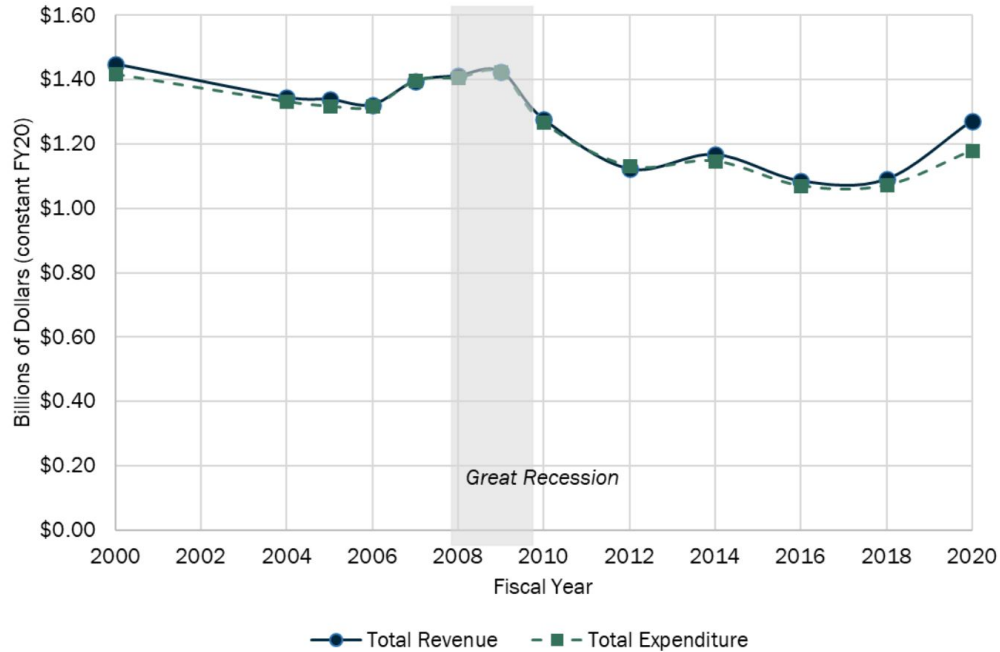
# Location of SLAAs Within State Governments

Figure 1. Location of State Libraries within State Governments, 2020



# Funding and Expenditures

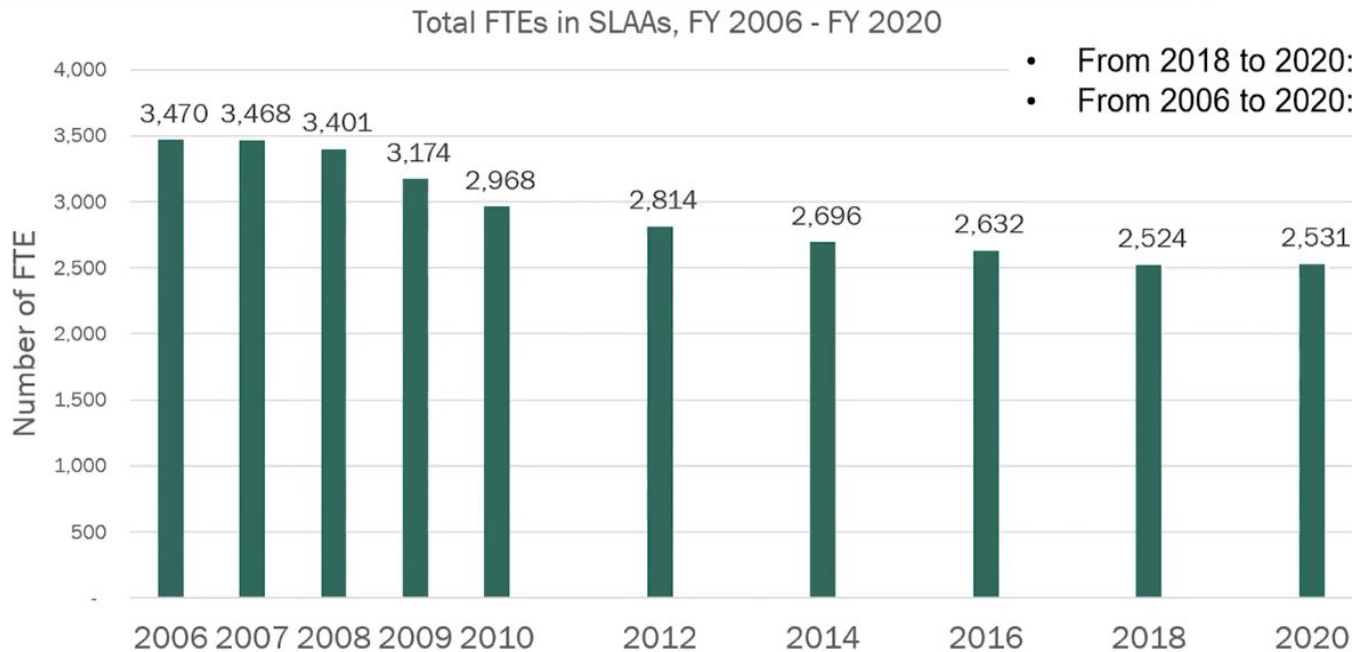
Figure 2. Long-term Revenues and Expenditures Trends, FY 2000–FY 2020



NOTE: Data are adjusted to constant 2020 dollars.

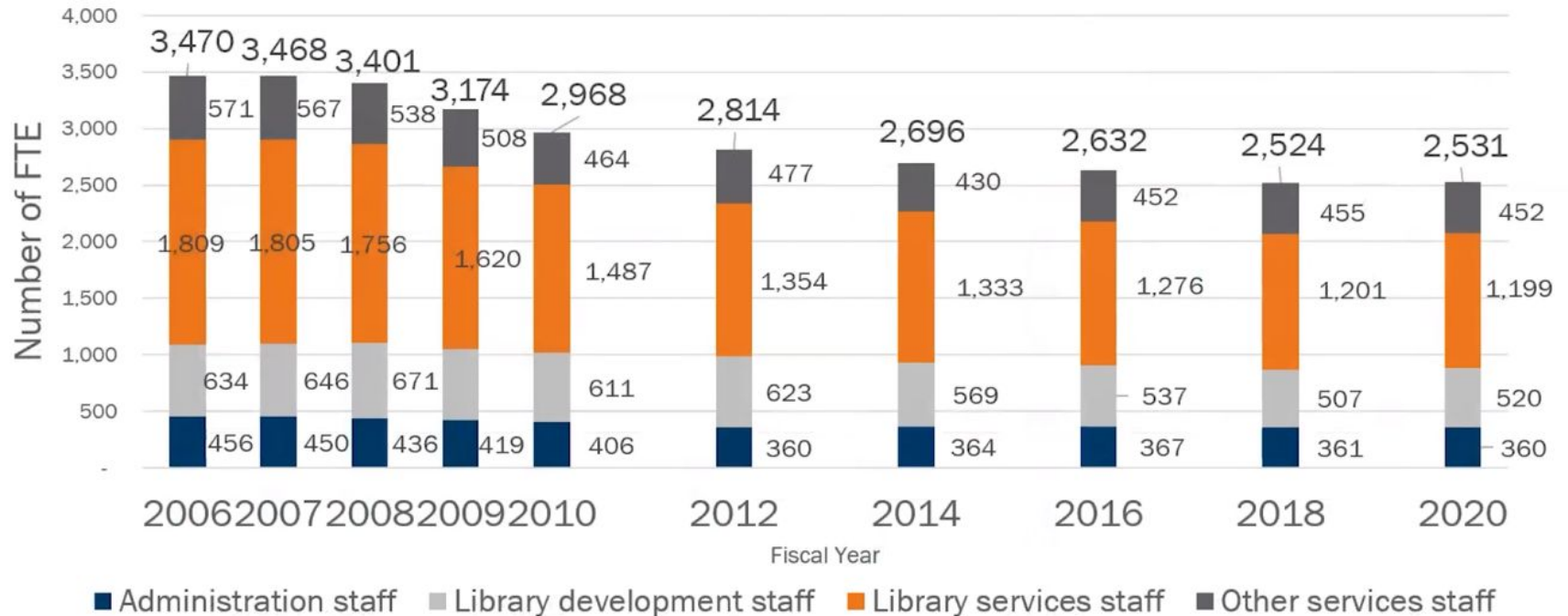


# Staffing Trends

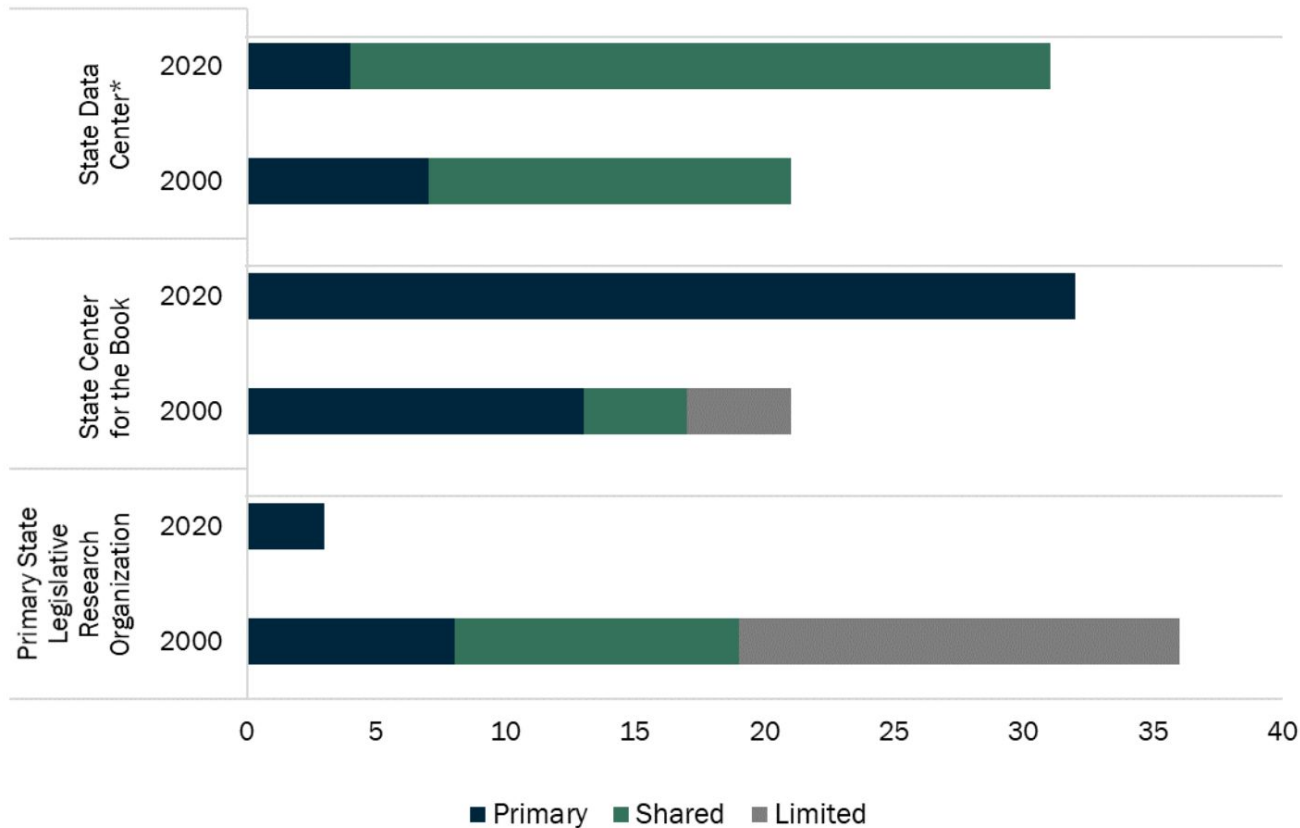


- From 2018 to 2020: + 0.3%
- From 2006 to 2020: - 27%

# Position Type



# Changing Allied Operations





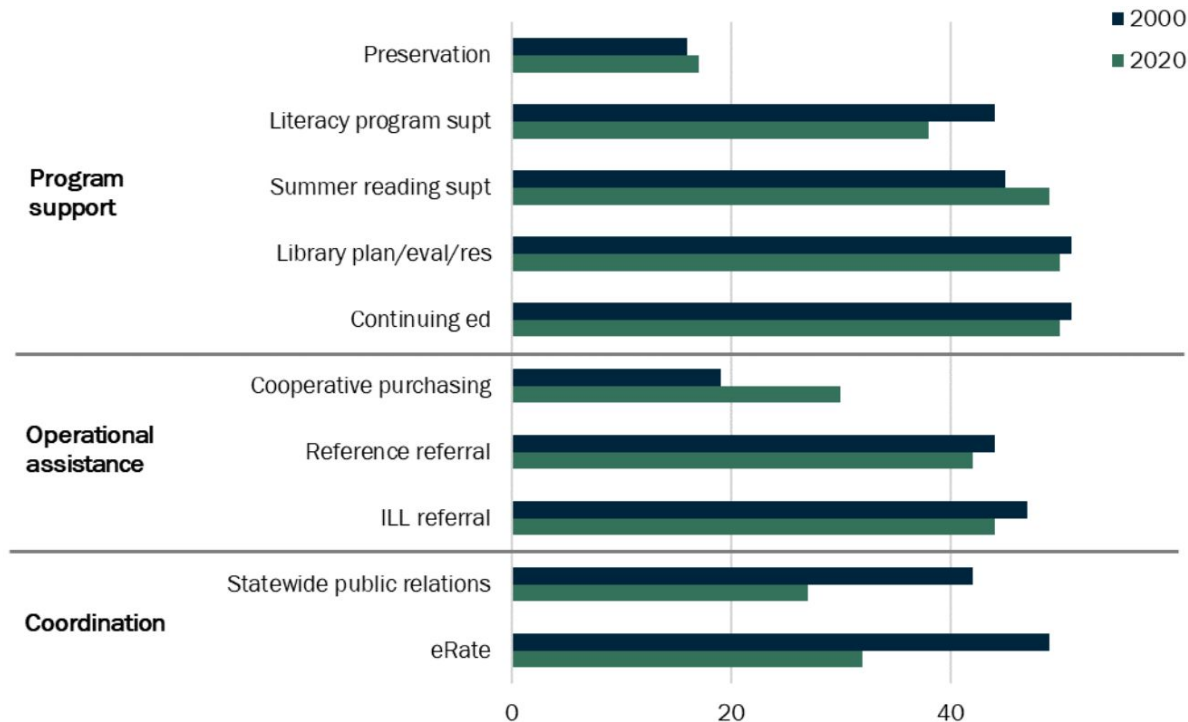
# Changing Services

- The survey asks if the SLAA provides 25 specified services to five types of libraries: public, academic, school, special, and library cooperatives.
- When comparing 2000 to 2020, new items were added to the survey in the interim reflect expansion of services provided overall.
- SLAAs in 2020 are in most cases as likely, or slightly more likely, to provide most of those services than in 2000. However, SLAAs are offering the services to fewer *types* of libraries in 2020 than in 2000.



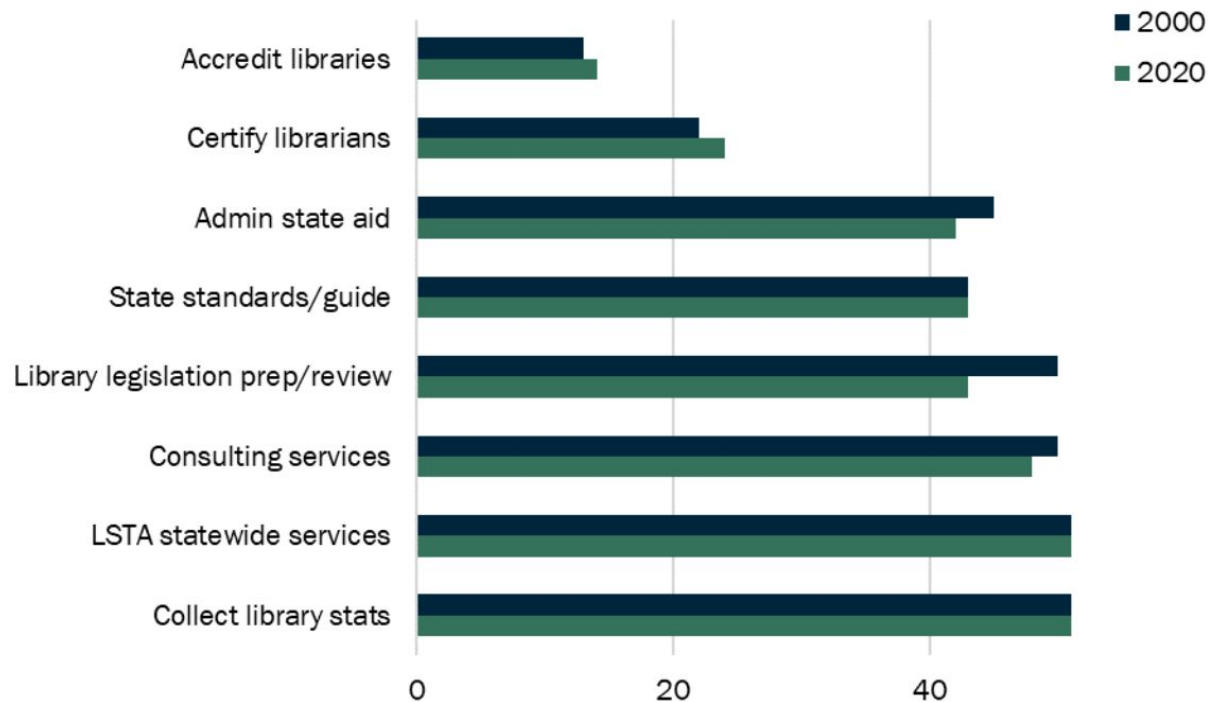


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**Table 1. State Library Services to Libraries and Library Cooperatives, 2000 and 2020**

Type of service	At least one type of library*		Among those that offer, percent offered to two or more types of libraries		
	2000	2020	2000	2020	Difference (2020–2000)
Collect library statistics	51	51	76.5	47.1	–29.4
LSTA statewide services	51	51	94.1	72.5	–21.6
Consulting services	50	48	90.0	85.4	–4.6
Library legislation prep/review	50	43	74.0	67.4	–6.6
State standards/guide	43	43	62.8	37.2	–25.6
Administration of state aid	45	42	60.0	50.0	–10.0
Certify librarians	22	24	31.8	45.8	14.0
Accreditation of libraries	13	14	46.2	21.4	–24.7
LSTA state program grants	NA	42	NA	73.8	NA
Administration of library system support	NA	33	NA	54.5	NA

LSTA = Library Services and Technology.



# Covid-19 Effect on Closures/Hours

Description	#
Number of SLAAs with Outlets that Physically Closed Entirely <sup>1</sup>	45
Median Number of Days Closed <sup>2</sup>	75
Number of SLAAs that Continued to Provide Services Virtually When Physically Closed	45
Number of SLAA With Outlets that Reduced Hours but Did Not Close Entirely <sup>3</sup>	5
Median Number of Days with Reduced Hours	27

<sup>1</sup> States that did not close outlets entirely: AR, DE, OK, RI, UT, WY

<sup>2</sup> Excludes two missing values and one out of range value.

<sup>3</sup> States that reduced hours at some outlets: IN, HI, ND, RI, TX. Note that outlets could have been closed and offered reduced hours at different times during FY 2020



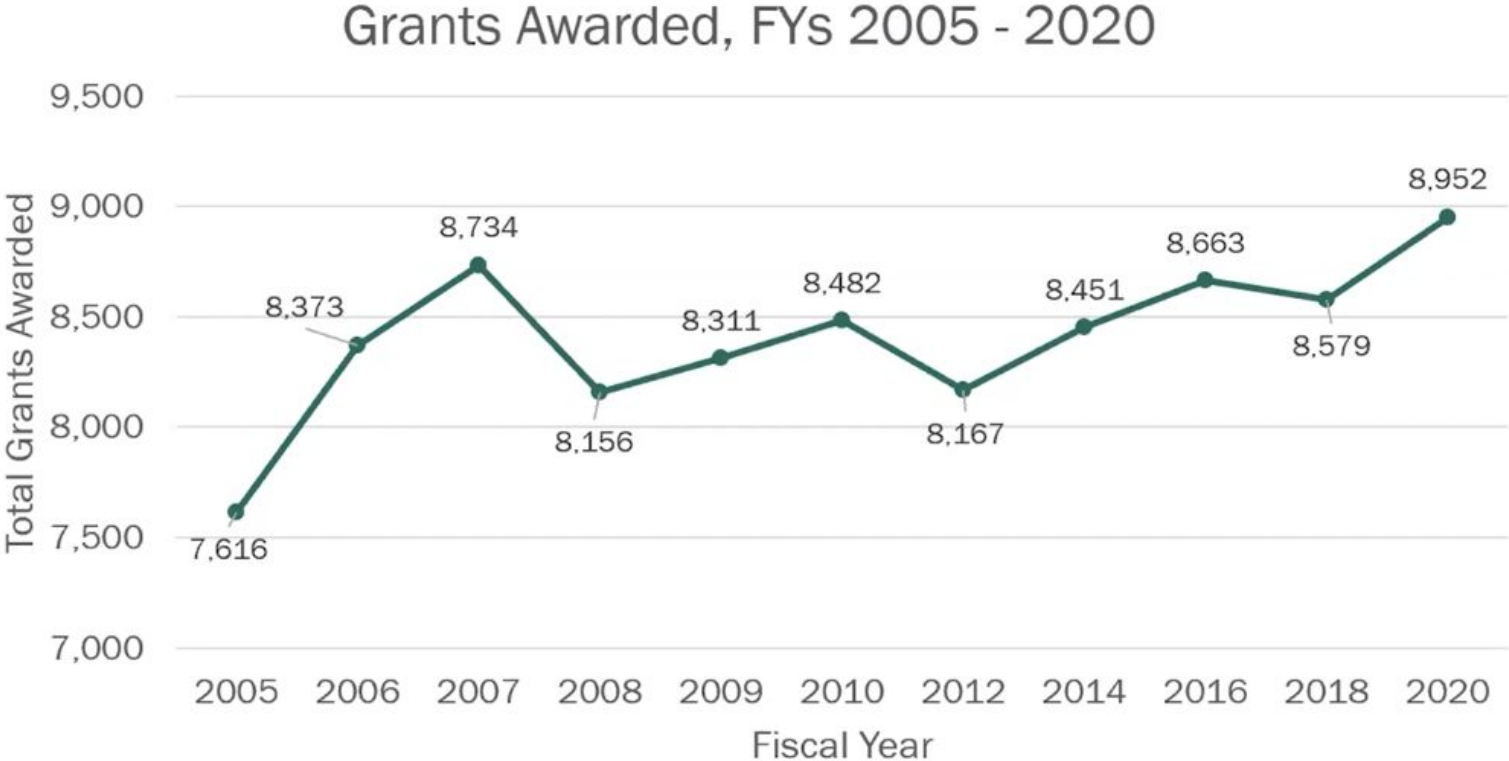
# Covid-19 Changes to Staffing Policies

Staffing Change Type	Count of SLAAs	Percent of SLAAs
Change in telework options	51	100.0%
Emergency leave options (state or federal)	34	66.7%
Re-assignment to another agency	7	13.7%
Furloughs/layoffs	5	9.8%
Reduced staff hours	5	9.8%

- The 7 states with re-assignments: CA, FL, KY, MI, NC, NH, RI
- The 5 states with furloughs/layoffs: MI, NJ, SD, WA, WY
- The 5 states with reduced staff hours: HI, MI, NH, RI, SD
- 28 SLAAs (54.9%) implemented 2 types of these changes. 1 (2%) implemented all 5.



# Grants Awarded





# Consulting Services

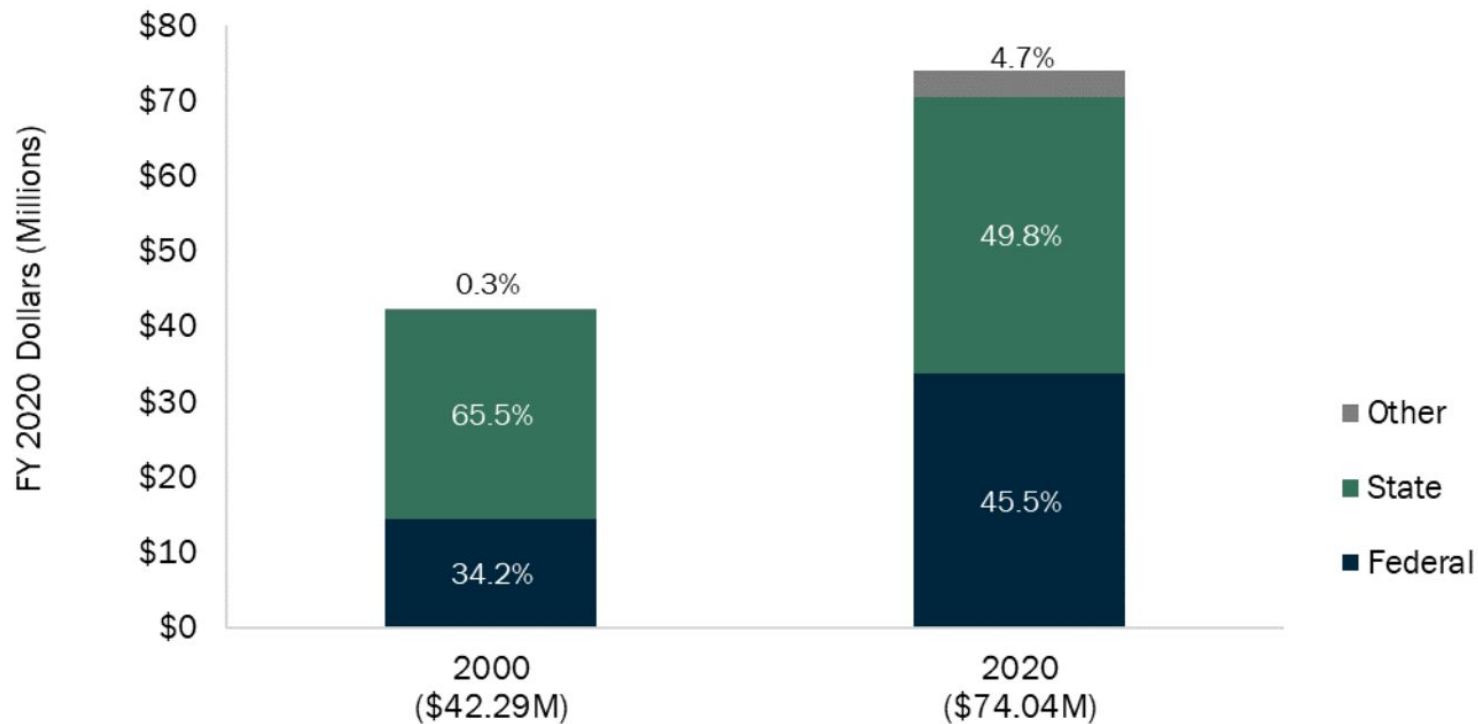
48 states provide consulting services in the following areas:

- Construction
- Library Management
- Continuing Education
- Technology/Connectivity
- Marketing/Communications
- E-rate
- Adult Literacy
- Youth Services

“Other” Consulting Categories:

- Trustee Training
- Digitization, Preservation, Archival Services
- Partnerships
- Statistics and Data Management
- Cataloging
- Library Laws
- Budgeting
- Space Planning
- New Directors

# Statewide Database Licensing







# Summary